

For Six Month Period Ending Feb 28, 2007
(Insert date)

I - REGISTRANT

1. (a) Name of Registrant
Ainsley Gill & Associates, LLC

(b) Registration No.
5600

(c) Business Address(es) of Registrant
1627 K Street, N.W. Suite 901
Washington, DC 20006

2. Has there been a change in the information previously furnished in connection with the following:

- (a) If an individual:
- | | | |
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| (1) Residence address | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (2) Citizenship | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (3) Occupation | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
- (b) If an organization:
- | | | |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| (1) Name | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| (2) Ownership or control | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| (3) Branch offices | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

(c) Explain fully all changes, if any, indicated in items (a) and (b) above.

IF THE REGISTRANT IS AN INDIVIDUAL, OMIT RESPONSE TO ITEMS 3, 4 AND 5(a).

3. If you have previously filed Exhibit C¹, state whether any changes therein have occurred during this 6 month reporting period.

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, have you filed an amendment to the Exhibit C? Yes ☐ No ☐

If no, please attach the required amendment.

¹ The Exhibit C, for which no printed form is provided, consists of a true copy of the charter, articles of incorporation, association, and by laws of a registrant that is an organization. (A waiver of the requirement to file an Exhibit C may be obtained for good cause upon written application to the Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20530.)

4. (a) Have any persons ceased acting as partners, officers, directors or similar officials of the registrant during this 6 month reporting period? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Position	Date connection ended
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- (b) Have any persons become partners, officers, directors or similar officials during this 6 month reporting period? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Residence address	Citizenship	Position	Date assumed
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5. (a) Has any person named in item 4(b) rendered services directly in furtherance of the interests of any foreign principal? Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

If yes, identify each such person and describe his service.

- (b) Have any employees or individuals, who have filed a short form registration statement, terminated their employment or connection with the registrant during this 6 month reporting period? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Position or connection	Date terminated
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- (c) During this 6 month reporting period, has the registrant hired as employees or in any other capacity, any persons who rendered or will render services to the registrant directly in furtherance of the interests of any foreign principal(s) in other than a clerical or secretarial, or in a related or similar capacity? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Residence address	Citizenship	Position	Date assumed
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6. Have short form registration statements been filed by all of the persons named in Items 5(a) and 5(c) of the supplemental statement? Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

If no, list names of persons who have not filed the required statement.

II - FOREIGN PRINCIPAL

7. Has your connection with any foreign principal ended during this 6 month reporting period?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name of foreign principal

Date of termination

8. Have you acquired any new foreign principal² during this 6 month reporting period?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name and address of foreign principal

Date acquired

9. In addition to those named in Items 7 and 8, if any, list foreign principals² whom you continued to represent during the 6 month reporting period.

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10. **EXHIBITS A AND B**

(a) Have you filed for each of the newly acquired foreign principals in Item 8 the following:

Exhibit A³ Yes ☐ No ☐
Exhibit B⁴ Yes ☐ No ☐

If no, please attach the required exhibit.

(b) Have there been any changes in the Exhibits A and B previously filed for any foreign principal whom you represented during the 6 month period? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, have you filed an amendment to these exhibits? Yes ☐ No ☐

If no, please attach the required amendment.

NA

² The term "foreign principal" includes, in addition to those defined in Section 1(b) of the Act, an individual organization any of whose activities are directly or indirectly supervised, directed, controlled, financed, or subsidized in whole or in major part by a foreign government, foreign political party, foreign organization or foreign individual. (See Rule 100(a) (9).) A registrant who represents more than one foreign principal is required to list in the statements he files under the Act only those principals for whom he is not entitled to claim exemption under Section 3 of the Act. (See Rule 208.)

³ The Exhibit A, which is filed on Form CRM-157 (Formerly OBD-67), sets forth the information required to be disclosed concerning each foreign principal.

⁴ The Exhibit B, which is filed on Form CRM-155 (Formerly OBD-65), sets forth the information concerning the agreement or understanding between the registrant and the foreign principal.

III - ACTIVITIES

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11. During this 6 month reporting period, have you engaged in any activities for or rendered any services to any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, and 9 of this statement? Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, identify each such foreign principal and describe in full detail your activities and services:

- Lobbying services in Washington DC on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago;

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12. During this 6 month reporting period, have you on behalf of any foreign principal engaged in political activity⁵ as defined below? Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, identify each such foreign principal and describe in full detail all such political activity, indicating, among other things, the relations, interests and policies sought to be influenced and the means employed to achieve this purpose. If the registrant arranged, sponsored or delivered speeches, lectures or radio and TV broadcasts, give details as to dates and places of delivery, names of speakers and subject matter.

See attachment B

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13. In addition to the above described activities, if any, have you engaged in activity on your own behalf which benefits any or all of your foreign principals? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, describe fully.

⁵ The term "political activities" means any activity that the person engaging in believes will, or that the person intends to, in any way influence any agency or official of the Government of the United States or any section of the public within the United States with reference to formulating, adopting or changing the domestic or foreign policies of the United States or with reference to the political or public interests, policies, or relations of a government of a foreign country or a foreign political party.

IV - FINANCIAL INFORMATION

14. (a) RECEIPTS-MONIES

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received from any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, and 9 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in the interests of any such foreign principal, any contributions, income or money either as compensation or otherwise? Yes ☒ No ☐

If no, explain why.

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each foreign principal an account of such monies⁶

Date	From whom	Purpose	Amount
11/10/2006	The Government of Trinidad and Tobago	Retainer	300,000.00
10/17/2006	The Government of Trinidad and Tobago	Expenses	12,083.38
11/16/2006	The Government of Trinidad and Tobago	Expenses	13,719.00
12/22/2006	The Government of Trinidad and Tobago	Expenses	18,287.17
			344,089.55
			<u>Total</u>

(b) RECEIPTS – FUND RAISING CAMPAIGN

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received, as part of a fund raising campaign⁷, any money on behalf of any foreign principal named in items 7, 8, and 9 of this statement? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, have you filed an Exhibit D⁸ to your registration? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, indicate the date the Exhibit D was filed. Date _____

(c) RECEIPTS – THINGS OF VALUE

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received any thing of value⁹ other than money from any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, and 9 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in the interests of any such foreign principal? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name of foreign principal	Date received	Description of thing of value	Purpose
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^{6, 7} A registrant is required to file an Exhibit D if he collects or receives contributions, loans, money, or other things of value for a foreign principal, as part of a fund raising campaign. (See Rule 201(e).)

⁸ An Exhibit D, for which no printed form is provided, sets forth an account of money collected or received as a result of a fund raising campaign and transmitted for a foreign principal.

⁹ Things of value include but are not limited to gifts, interest free loans, expense free travel, favored stock purchases, exclusive rights, favored treatment over competitors, "kickbacks," and the like.

15. (a) **DISBURSEMENTS – MONIES**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you

(1) disbursed or expended monies in connection with activity on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, and 9 of this statement? Yes ☒ No ☐

(2) transmitted monies to any such foreign principal? Yes ☐ No ☒

If no, explain in full detail why there were no disbursements made on behalf of any foreign principal.

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each foreign principal an account of such monies, including monies transmitted, if any, to each foreign principal.

Date	To whom	Purpose	Amount
Trinidad and Tobago			
9/14/2006	Federalist Group	Lobbying Services	20,000.00
10/17/2006	Federalist Group	Lobbying Services	20,000.00
11/26/2006	Federalist Group	Lobbying Services	20,000.00
10/2/2006	Alternative Marketing Access, Inc	Consulting Services	57,153.36
10/2/2006	Anderson Stratton	Consulting Services	10,000.00
10/26/2006	Anderson Stratton	Consulting Services	10,000.00
12/19/2006	Anderson Stratton	Consulting Services	10,000.00

147,153.36

Total

(b) DISBURSEMENTS – THINGS OF VALUE

During this 6 month reporting period, have you disposed of anything of value¹⁰ other than money in furtherance of or in connection with activities on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, and 9 of this statement?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Date disposed	Name of person to whom given	On behalf of what foreign principal	Description of thing of value	Purpose
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(c) DISBURSEMENTS – POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS

During this 6 month reporting period, have you from your own funds and on your own behalf either directly or through any other person, made any contributions of money or other things of value¹¹ in connection with an election to any political office, or in connection with any primary election, convention, or caucus held to select candidates for political office?

Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, furnish the following information:

Date	Amount or thing of value	Name of political organization	Name of candidate
9/19/2006	1000.00	Engel For Congress	Eliot Engel
9/26/2006	1000.00	Engel For Congress	Eliot Engel
9/26/2006	2000.00	Payne For Congress	Donald Payne
10/29/2006	1000.00	Arcuri For Congress	Mike Arcuri
10/29/2006	1000.00	Maffei For Congress	Dan Maffei
1/2/2007	1000.00	Draft Obama	Barrack Obama
1/18/2007	1000.00	Rangel For Congress	Charles Rangel

^{10, 11} Things of value include but are not limited to gifts, interest free loans, expense free travel, favored stock purchases, exclusive rights, favored treatment over competitors, "kickbacks" and the like.

V - INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS

16. During this 6 month reporting period, did you prepare, disseminate or cause to be disseminated any informational materials ¹²?
 Yes ☒ No ☐

IF YES, RESPOND TO THE REMAINING ITEMS IN SECTION V.

17. Identify each such foreign principal.

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18. During this 6 month reporting period, has any foreign principal established a budget or allocated a specified sum of money to finance your activities in preparing or disseminating informational materials? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, identify each such foreign principal, specify amount, and indicate for what period of time.

19. During this 6 month reporting period, did your activities in preparing, disseminating or causing the dissemination of informational materials include the use of any of the following:

- | | | | |
|---|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Radio or TV broadcasts | <input type="checkbox"/> Magazine or newspaper articles | <input type="checkbox"/> Motion picture films | <input type="checkbox"/> Letters or telegrams |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advertising campaigns | <input type="checkbox"/> Press releases | <input type="checkbox"/> Pamphlets or other publications | <input type="checkbox"/> Lectures or speeches |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Internet | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) <u>Information Material</u> | | |

20. During this 6 month reporting period, did you disseminate or cause to be disseminated informational materials among any of the following groups:

- | | | |
|---|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Officials | <input type="checkbox"/> Newspapers | <input type="checkbox"/> Libraries |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Legislators | <input type="checkbox"/> Editors | <input type="checkbox"/> Educational institutions |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government agencies | <input type="checkbox"/> Civic groups or associations | <input type="checkbox"/> Nationality groups |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____ | | |

21. What language was used in the informational materials:

- ☒ English ☐ Other (specify) _____

22. Did you file with the Registration Unit, U.S. Department of Justice a copy of each item of such informational materials disseminated or caused to be disseminated during this 6 month reporting period? Yes ☒ No ☐

23. Did you label each item of such informational materials with the statement required by Section 4(b) of the Act? Yes ☒ No ☐

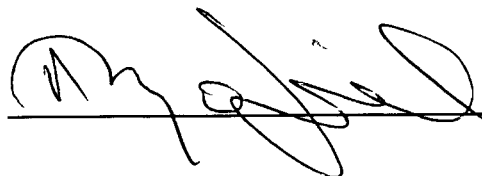
12 The term informational materials includes any oral, visual, graphic, written, or pictorial information or matter of any kind, including that published by means of advertising, books, periodicals, newspapers, lectures, broadcasts, motion pictures, or any means or instrumentality of interstate or foreign commerce or otherwise. Informational materials disseminated by an agent of a foreign principal as part of an activity in itself exempt from registration, or an activity which by itself would not require registration, need not be filed pursuant to Section 4(b) of the Act.

VI – EXECUTION

In accordance with 28 U.S.C. §1746, the undersigned swear(s) or affirm(s) under penalty of perjury that he/she has (they have) read the information set forth in this registration statement and the attached exhibits and that he/she is (they are) familiar with the contents thereof and that such contents are in their entirety true and accurate to the best of his/her (their) knowledge and belief, except that the undersigned make(s) no representation as to the truth or accuracy of the information contained in the attached Short Form Registration Statement(s), if any, insofar as such information is not within his/her (their) personal knowledge.

(Date of signature)

March 30, 2007

(Type or print name under each signature¹³)

Ansley Gill

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¹³ This statement shall be signed by the individual agent, if the registrant is an individual, or by a majority of those partners, officers, directors or persons performing similar functions, if the registrant is an organization, except that the organization can, by power of attorney, authorize one or more individuals to execute this statement on its behalf.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FARA REGISTRATION UNIT
NATIONAL SECURITY DIVISION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20530

NOTICE

Please answer the following questions and return this sheet in triplicate with your Supplemental Statement:

1. Is your answer to Item 16 of Section V (Informational Materials – page 8 of Form CRM-154, formerly Form OBD-64-Supplemental Statement):

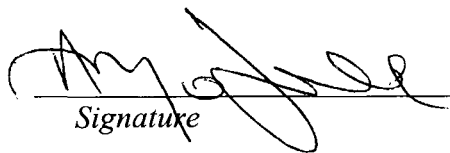
YES ✓ or NO _____

(If your answer to question 1 is "yes" do not answer question 2 of this form.)

2. Do you disseminate any material in connection with your registration:

YES _____ or NO _____

(If your answer to question 2 is "yes" please forward for our review copies of all material including: films, film catalogs, posters, brochures, press releases, etc. which you have disseminated during the past six months.)


Signature

3/30/07
Date

Ainsley Gill
Please type or print name of
Signatory on the line above

Mgr Partner
Title



U.S. Department of Justice

Criminal Division

Washington, DC 20530

THIS FORM IS TO BE AN OFFICIAL ATTACHMENT TO YOUR CURRENT SUPPLEMENTAL STATEMENT -
PLEASE EXECUTE IN TRIPLICATE

SHORT-FORM REGISTRATION INFORMATION SHEET

SECTION A

The Department records list active short-form registration statements for the following persons of your organization filed on the date indicated by each name. If a person is not still functioning in the same capacity directly on behalf of the foreign principal, please show the date of termination.

Short Form List for Registrant: Ainsley Gill & Associates, LLC

Last Name	First Name and Other Names	Registration Date	Termination Date	Role
Gill	Ainsley	02/13/2004		

Still functioning in the same
Capacity

3/30/2007



U.S. Department of Justice

National Security Division

Washington, DC 20530

SECTION B

In addition to those persons listed in Section A, list below all current employees rendering services directly on behalf of the foreign principals(s) who have not filed short-form registration statements. (Do not list clerks, secretaries, typists or employees in a similar or related capacity). If there is some question as to whether an employee has an obligation to file a short-form, please address a letter to the Registration Unit describing the activities and connection with the foreign principal.

Name	Function	Date Hired
Ainsley Gill	Lead Lobbyist	2 Feb 2004

Signature: [Signature]
Title: Mgr Partner

Date: 3/30/2007

Ainsley Gill & Associates, LLC
1627 K Street, N.W. Suite 901
Washington, DC 20006

Registration No. 5600


Supplemental Statement for six month period ending 2/28/2007

- Met with Ambassador Roy Austin to discuss Trinidad and Tobago
- Attended fund raiser for Congressman Eliot Engel on September 19, 2006
- Met with Congressman Payne's staff member, Laverne to discuss Trinidad and Tobago on October 25, 2006
- Met with Congressman Engel's Chief of Staff to discuss Trinidad and Tobago on October 25, 2006
- Met with Congressman Rangel's Chief of Staff to discuss Trinidad and Tobago on November 6, 2006
- Coordinated meeting for Trinidad and Tobago Ambassador, HE, Marina Valere to meet with Congressman Engel on December 14, 2006
- Coordinated meeting for Trinidad and Tobago Ambassador, HE, Marina Valere to meet with Senator Lugar on December 20, 2006
- Attended fund raiser for Congressman Charles Rangel on January 18, 2007
- Met with or spoke to on the phone with US DOE office of International Policy representatives, Sam Browne, and Mr. Gary Ward, several times to discuss CARICOM Energy Ministers meeting to be held in Trinidad and Tobago.
- Worked with the Federalist group in coordinating meetings for Prime Minister Manning with President Bush.
- Interest sought to be influenced are restorations of benefits under Article 98, bi-lateral trade, Military assistance, and energy security.



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DATE: January 6, 2007
TO: Mr. George Dalley, Chief-of-staff
Congressman Charles B. Rangel (D-NY 15th)
FROM: Ainsley Gill 
Re: Meeting Request

Trinidad and Tobago's (T&T) Ambassador Marina Valere and I are requesting a meeting with you to follow-up on several very successful meetings and briefings T&T's Prime Minister Patrick Manning had with Administration officials and Congressional leaders.

These meetings included in 2006 Vice President Cheney, Secretary of State Rice, Homeland Security Director Chertoff and several members of the Congressional Caribbean Caucus including its Co-Chair Congressman Payne, and members Diane Watson, Barbara Lee etc.

The Prime Minister on behalf of the Government of Trinidad and Tobago (GORTT) focused on reinforcing the Government's message that strong and open relations between T&T and the United States are in the strategic and national interest of both countries.

As the leading economy in CARICOM, T&T produces approximately 80% of the liquefied natural gas (LNG) consumed in the United States and provides much needed leadership and political stability throughout the Caribbean region. T&T is also playing a leading role within CARICOM related to negotiations between CARICOM foreign ministers and the US Trade Representative's office on a Free Trade Agreement between the US Government and CARICOM member countries.

Ambassador Valere and I would like to meet with you to build on the recent meeting with the US Trade Representative and CARICOM foreign ministers and follow-up on Prime Minister Manning's discussions with Administration officials regarding trade and duty-free access; double taxation; regional security, customs and drug interdiction; and energy security.

We are both available at your convenience and I will of course call you to follow-up. In the meantime if you have any questions or need any additional information prior to the meeting please do not hesitate to have someone in your office contact me. I can be reached at 202-296-1973.

BACKGROUND ON TRINIDAD

“Almost two years ago, President Bush presented his solution, a national energy policy, to the American people. Our approach to our energy security – indeed, to global energy security – is contained in the following principles. First, we must balance increased production with a renewed focus on the clean and efficient use of energy. Second, we must expand international engagement with consumer and producer nations. Third, we must expand and diversify our sources of supply. And, finally, in everything we do, we must champion free markets and free trade.”

While crude oil will continue to be the most important source of energy and its usage increasing, it is recognized that the demand for Natural Gas is projected to grow at an even faster rate. It is most important therefore that there must be active consultation among natural gas producing countries and gas consuming countries. There is clearly going to be the need for co-operation and collaboration. It is the expectation that this meeting would chart the course for this important development.

Over the past 30 years, Trinidad has established an impressive array of gas based industries with some 20 industrial plants involved in Ammonia, Methanol, Iron ore reduction, Oil refining and other manufacturing industries.

Today, Trinidad and Tobago is the largest exporter of Ammonia in the world – 4.5 million tonnes per year, and the largest exporter of Methanol – 3 million tonnes per year. Gas production has reached an impressive 2.5 billion cubic feet per day from about 500 MMcfd, a mere 13 years ago. This represents an impressive growth rate by any standard.

The United States will be looking to import an increasing share of its natural gas needs. Nigeria, Algeria, Russia and Indonesia, among others, export natural gas. Given the relatively high cost of transporting natural gas, however, the most attractive options are the closest to home. The United States currently imports 15 percent of its natural gas from Canada.

Trinidad and Tobago plays an important role in achieving U.S. energy security as a stable, proximate and dependable supplier of natural gas and oil from within the Western Hemisphere.

Discussion Points For Consideration

1. A full commitment to stand, as partners, with the President of the United States, who has provided outstanding leadership against terrorism and on behalf of freedom and democracy.
2. A full commitment by GORTT to the providing of more energy resources from GORTT to all parts of the US. LNG is a key strategic asset of GORTT, and as the US moves from Middle Eastern oil dependence, GORTT is committed to expanding its supply.

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3. Security and Energy. Energy Security and cargo security are issues where GORTT is well positioned to assist in protecting US ports and access points. Full cooperation is pledged.
4. US is prepared to work fully and cooperatively with Trinidad and Tobago on such issues as bilateral trade and to help make the proposed Free Trade Area of the Americas a reality.
5. To reiterate US desire for a full partnership with Trinidad and Tobago, in friendship, and in furtherance of democracy.

**Prime Minister Manning list of issues raised during the September 8, 2006 meeting
with DOE and State in Trinidad and Tobago**

TRADE

- The initiation of discussions on a U.S.-CARICOM partial scope agreement for energy based products (agreement to give duty free access to U.S. for CARICOM energy products).
- Goods packaged in T&T to be granted duty free access to the U.S. market as a mechanism to develop the T&T packaging industry and to develop or rekindle manufacturing sectors in other Caribbean countries (T&T's manufacturing sector is dominant among CARICOM countries).

TAXATION

- Revision of the Double Taxation Agreement to include the write off, as a U.S. tax expense, the cost of exploration in T&T by U.S. firms for oil/natural gas.
- U.S. tax write off for U.S. corporations conducting business meetings or conferences in T&T to help grow the conference tourism sector.

NATIONAL SECURITY AND DEPORTATION

- Specialized Training for T&T border/homeland security (Immigration, Customs, Taxation Police Army, Coast Guard Air Guard, Intelligence, Drug Interdiction) officials at counterpart U.S. agencies.
- The initiation of discussions on the U.S. system of deportation of individuals with little or non-existent familial ties to the T&T.
- Assistance in strengthening T&T's Witness Protection Program
- The funding by the U.S. of a T&T-led Eastern Caribbean Anti Narco-trafficking patrol involving the Coast Guard officials of several countries, as well as strengthening of existing Narco-trafficking interdiction programs with the United States.
- The exemption of T&T from Article 98 exemption measures and T&T's addition to the list of allies to which this measure does not apply.

ENERGY (He did not raise this in the meeting but should be included as part of his priorities)

- US energy supply (long term market access and more terminals)
- Energy Security (security of TT local energy infrastructure, shipping, ports etc.)
- Exchange of technology and personnel between DOE and MOEEI

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- Development of an energy policy

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**Background Information for meeting with H.E. Marina Valere, Ambassador to
Trinidad and Tobago in Washington**

In 2006, Prime Minister Manning met with Vice President Cheney, Homeland Security Director Chertoff and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice in an effort to strengthen diplomatic, economic and military ties. The Prime Minister met with President Bush at the White House in December 2003. The Prime Minister addressed members of the Congressional Caribbean Caucus and the Congressional Black Caucus in Nov 2006. (Rep. Donald Payne, Diane Watson, Barbara Lee were some of the members that were in attendance).

Better relations with Trinidad and Tobago are in America's strong national interest due to the surging regional importance of Trinidad & Tobago as a result of its assertive political leadership, strong economy, significant energy reserves and pivotal geographic location. Trinidad and Tobago was the author of the International Criminal Court and can play a significant role in the restoration of military assistance to CARICOM. In 2006, Trinidad & Tobago held the chairmanship of CARICOM and hosted a regional security conference as well as a leading regional energy conference. In addition to hosting portions of the 2007 World Cricket Cup, the country has announced its intention to play host to at least two other major regional policy conferences in the coming year, although it has yet to specify the events. Trinidad and Tobago will host the next Summit of the Americas.

Additionally, in the wake of more aggressive regional overtures from China and Venezuela in the last year, the importance of enhancing our close relationship with Trinidad & Tobago has become even more vital. Currently, Trinidad & Tobago produces up to 80% of the liquefied natural gas (LNG) consumed in the United States and is the most powerful economy in the Caribbean. Further, Prime Minister Manning has made it clear that establishing a personal rapport with members of Congress is paramount to Trinidad and Tobago's interest in pursuing greater trade and military cooperation with the United States.

As the leading economy in CARICOM, Trinidad & Tobago seeks to be instrumental in negotiating a CARICOM Free Trade Agreement. The US and the Caribbean Community have recently begun to consider the possibility of negotiating a free trade agreement to improve the region's access to the US market. A delegation of CARICOM foreign and trade ministers raised the issue of an FTA in April, 2006 during a meeting with former US Trade Representative Rob Portman. Trinidad and Tobago and with the guidance of the Ambassador could further this regional trade initiative.

Deportation is another very important issue for Trinidad and Tobago and the entire CARICOM region. There have been many meetings with US State Department officials regarding deportation of foreign nationals back to their country of birth for minor infractions. In raising this issue with State Department officials the Caribbean diplomatic community has not been successful, to date. The US Department of State's position is that there is no documented factual basis for the allegations put forth by the CARICOM

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community that deportation is hurting their fragile societies. Trinidad and the rest of their Caribbean neighbors have agreed to undertake independent studies on this issue.



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To: The Honorable George W. Bush, President

From: Ainsley Gill

Date: December 12, 2006

RE: Request for Meeting between President George W. Bush and Prime Minister Patrick Manning of Trinidad & Tobago in 2007

On behalf of my client, the Republic of Trinidad & Tobago, I am requesting a meeting between the Honorable Patrick Manning, Prime Minister of the Republic of Trinidad & Tobago and President George W. Bush in 2007. In 2006, Prime Minister Manning met with Vice President Cheney, Homeland Security Director Chertoff and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice in an effort to strengthen diplomatic, economic and military ties. The Prime Minister met with President Bush at the White House in 2004.

We believe that this requested meeting is in America's strong national interest due to the surging regional importance of Trinidad & Tobago as a result of its assertive political leadership, strong economy, significant energy reserves and pivotal geographic location. In 2006, Trinidad & Tobago held the chairmanship of CARICOM and hosted a regional security conference as well as a leading regional energy conference. In addition to hosting portions of the 2007 World Cricket Cup, the country has announced its intention to play host to at least two other major regional policy conferences in the coming year, although it has yet to specify the events.

Additionally, in the wake of more aggressive regional overtures from China and Venezuela in the last year, the importance of enhancing our close relationship with Trinidad & Tobago has become even more vital. Currently, Trinidad & Tobago produces up to 80% of the liquefied natural gas (LNG) consumed in the United States and is the most powerful economy in the Caribbean. Further, Prime Minister Manning has made it clear that establishing a personal rapport with the President is paramount to his interest in pursuing greater trade and military cooperation with the United States.

As the leading economy in CARICOM, Trinidad & Tobago seeks to be instrumental in negotiating a CARICOM Free Trade Agreement. The US and the Caribbean Community have recently begun to consider the possibility of negotiating a free trade agreement to improve the region's access to the US market. A delegation of CARICOM foreign and trade ministers raised the issue of an FTA in April, 2006 during a meeting with former US Trade Representative Rob Portman. A meeting between the President and the Prime Minister could further this regional trade initiative.

A meeting with Prime Minister Manning, who is likely to lead his nation for the foreseeable future, would also signal support for his Administration and further encourage pro-US

In addition to its vulnerability to the influence of sophisticated drug traffickers, with a 15% Muslim population, Trinidad & Tobago is vulnerable to the threat of radical Islam. In July 1990, Trinidad & Tobago survived an aborted Islamic coup from the group Jama'at al Muslimeen. In addition to Jama'at al Muslimeen, two other groups, Waajihatul Islaamiyyah (The Islamic Front) and the Jamaat al Murabiteen operate in the country. The Islaamiyyah group openly supports Osama Bin Laden, al Qaeda and Jemmah Islamiyyah, the group responsible for the Bali beachfront bombing that killed 200 people. Improved coordination, communication and joint tracking, coupled with joint training and operational exercises with Trinidad & Tobago, is vital to stopping terrorism in the Caribbean and these are issues of vital importance to Prime Minister Manning.

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